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## **CLUB RECORDS** STAMP HOOVER AS REPUBLICAN

For Eight Years Was an Active Member in Local Organization.

Party Sympathy and Loyalty Not Questioned in Withdrawal.

BACKED WILSON AS DUTY

Indorsement of Call for Congress Victory Not Sign of Changed Politics.

If long time membership in the Republican Club fixes a member's status as a Republican in politics (and such partisan club membership is accepted fast looming as a powerful candidate

He certainly was for almost eight New York city. years, as the books of the Republican 1909; that he was qualified on Decem-Food Administrator on April 7, 1917.

Mr. Hoover was proposed for mem- tion with the spread of the malady as bership in a starwart, distinctively Republican organization-a straight-out party organization-by the late Lindon recalled that when the proposal came before the committee on membership, and subsequently before the club body, not a question was raised as to Mr. the club deliberations, plans, campaigns or even secrets. He was vouched for as a gentleman and a Republican by men who were aware of the genuineness of each qualification and he was so ac-

dues of \$50 as follows:

1911-Herbert C. Hoover, 14 East Six-1912-Herbert C. Hoover, 14 East Sixtieth street, \$50. 1913-Herbert C. Hoover, 14 East Six-

tleth street, \$50. 1914—Herbert C. Hoover, 14 East Sixtieth street \$50.

1915-Herbert C. Hoover, 1 London Wall Building, London, E. C., \$50. 1916—Herbert C. Hoover, 1 London Wall Building, London, E. C., \$50.

1917-Herbert C. Hoover, 120 Broadway, \$50. While often abroad, Mr. Hoover was frequently in this country and, of course, in New York, up to about the time the war began on August 1, 1914, at which

Thereafter for two years, and almost until the time this country went into the war, Mr. Hoover was abroad directing the great humanitarian work of feed-apply for licenses to dispense whiskey ing the Belgians. In 1917 he came back for medicinal purposes so that a supply to America to become the Food Admin-might be available if necessary. trator and established his headquarters at 130 Broadway.

Members of the club recalled yesternot particularly often, as they remem-bered, but several times. He had, and still has, many close friends in the club membership, and these never had a doubt as to his partisan status until he President Wilson's startling partisan demand for the election of Democratic Congressmen only, a statement which followed the President's letter before the Congress elections of November, 1918. But even that circum stance did not affect the opinion of Re-publican Club members, who though they knew the natural bent of Herbert oover's mind, since they regarded is statement as a determination to back up his chief in war work and not as a statement of his own political con-

### Resignation Explained.

Fo far as his resignation is concerned. was the opinion in the club, and still is, that it was provoked by the stress of which Mr. Hoover labo the fact that he was largely out of touch With partisan matters and completely wrapped up in tremendous international affairs. Some thought, though, that charged it may have been due partly to a feeling of delicacy on Mr. Hoover's part against remaining a member of the Republican Club while, technically, at east, as Food Administrator, he was a office holder. On the other other prominent Republicans were doing war work under Democratic Election. It is positive that there was ever a suspicion in the club ranks in of the second of nergetic in raising money for Republi ampaigns, State and national, had funds. The question was not precisely nawered, because, as is well known, committees intrusted with collecting ands of this nature "die" after the impaigns are at an end and leave as ew records as possible. It was as-umed at the Republican Club yesterday, lowever, that Mr. Hoover doubtless acobligation, following ual partisan club usage, that might ve placed upon him. The records obtained yesterday through

the courtesy of Oscar Ehrhorn, secretary of the Republican Club, and of other

ident Poincare. Continued on Sixth Page.

#### **Dutch Port Workers Ask** Increase; May Walk Out

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THE HAGUE, Jan. 21 (delayed).—A serious strike is threatening the ports of Rotter-dam and Amsterdam, where the transport workers and sailors are demanding a higher standard of wages. The decision regarding a strike, which is considered in-evitable, will be taken within the month. The workers concerned at Rotterdam number 15,000.

## QUIT FOR WAR WORK 1,000 NEW 'FLU CASES IN CIT

Big Increase Reported, but Dangerous Features of 1918 Are Absent.

EMERGENCY FUND ASKED

Copeland Seeks \$80,000 for Precautionary Measures-Hopeful of Outlook.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissione in political circles as prima facie evi- of Health, will ask the Board of Estidence of a man's political convictions mate this morning for \$80,000—the full and sympathies), then Herbert Hoover, emergency appropriation allowed his department under the city charter-to for the Democratic nomination for the be used in combating the spread of Presidency, is actually a Republican. Spanish influenza and pneumonia in

Although the Commissioner expects Club of New York city reveal. The that reports in his office this morning records show that Mr. Hoover was will show that approximately 1,000 proposed for membership on August 12, new cases of influenza developed in New York yesterday as against 500 for ber 11, 1909; that he paid his dues an- the day before, he said he does not renually until he resigned on June 30, gard the situation as particularly 1817, the resignation being formally ac- alarming. The appropriation he seeks cepted on September 12, 1917. He had will be used to hire such physicians been appointed by President Wilson as and nurses as may be needed and to cover such other expenses in connec

may arise The disease, said Dr. Copeland, is not spreading nearly so rapidly here as in Bates, Jr., who, it will be recalled, lost 1918 and the type is far from as mahis life when the Lusitania was tor- lignant. In fact, comparison with the pedoed on May 7, 1915. Mr. Hoover was death records from pneumonia and inseconded by John Henry Hammond, a well known Republican. It is clearly the 1917 death rate day by day on the 1917 death rate day by day consistently higher than at present. Yesterday's deaths from influenza and not a question was raised as to Mr. pneumonia were seventy as against Hoover's partisan fitness to take part in seventy-one for the corresponding day the club deliberations, plans, campaigns of 1917. Secondary pneumonis, the of 1917. Secondary pneumonia, the cause of most of the deaths in the epi-demic of 1918, Dr. Copeland said, apparently is developing now with far less frequency than in 1918. The prevalence of influenza in New York, he said, does

Paid Dues Eight Years.

The books of the club show that after paying the customary \$50 initiation fee dr. Hoover continued to pay annual ation. He conferred with the Ambulance Board yesterday and now has 100 ambulances at the disposal of his 1910—Herbert C. Hoover, 14 East Six-tieth street, \$50. Women's Motor Corps, which could be pressed into service if needed. Commissioner sald a survey has shown that there are easily 15,000 hospital by passengers on the train.

hospital of the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station. Dr. Copeland, however, renewed his tirely appeal for volunteer nurses. He said postal that he has had a number of calls for nurses and has been able to supply all needed so far, but that he does not feel enough have volunteered should any Volunteer great emergency arise.

nurses will be paid the going rate. The Commissioner is receiving daily numerous complaints of lack of heat in apartments, and that, he believes, probably is a contributing cause to the

A number of druggists yesterday assured the Commissioner that they would apply for licenses to dispense whiskey

might be available if necessary.

Dr. Copeland suggested fresh air, simple food, exercise and plenty of sleep as the best precautions against "flu," day that they had seen Mr. Hoover in and urged, above all, dependence on a the clubhouse on a number of occasions, physician and not "home remedies," once the presence of the disease is sus-

### CHICAGO REPORTS 2,226 MORE CASES

High Mark of Last Year's Epidemic Is Passed.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Chicago's twenty-four hour influenza record was shattered to-day as the twin plagues con-finued to spread and reports indicated that the epidemic was becoming Statewide. Two thousand two hundred and twenty-six new cases of influenza and 237 new cases of pneumonia were re-ported, while forty-eight deaths from pneumonia and thirty-one from influ-The number cases is higher than that for any day of the 1918-19 epidemic.

War on spitters is being waged by Chief of Police Garrity. Twenty men charged with violating the city ordi-nance will be arraigned to-morrow.

last forty-eight hours 100 cases of in- and victorious nation which cannot fluenza have developed at the Phila-delphia Navy Yard. By order of Ad-miral Hughes, the commandant, all social centres and other meeting places all will support him, and the others will for the men at the yard have been be beaten irremediably in the present

Totapo, Ohio, Jan. 22,-One thousand cases of influenza in this city were re-ported to-day by Dr. C. W. Waggoner, Commissioner of Health. So far only three deaths are traceable to the epidemic, he said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- Six thousand cases of influenza have been reported in Havana, Cuba, the Public Health Serv-ice was advised to-day by its representative in that city.

King Albert in Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 22,-King Albert of Belgium came to Paris incognito yesterday and conferred for a long time with Pres-

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN POULTRY Show. See it! Jan. 20 to 24.—Ade.

### ITTI ALARMED OVER THREATS OF REVOLUTION

Premier Fears Radicals May Force Upheaval in Italy in Trying to Aid Russia.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Anarchist Malatesta Now Engaged in Agitating for Soviet Regime.

PEACE COUNCIL HALTED

May Extend Trade Relief, Already Partly Given, to All Russians.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Copyright, 1920, all rights reserved. London, Jan. 22 .- Threat of a revoution in Italy is one cause which will delay the Peace Conference from taking up any important work for some

Grave reports are received from Italy, not the least of which is that the notorious anarchist Malatesta has returned there with the declared purpose of starting a revolution. He promises it will be bloodless if the propertied classes will yield.

Premier Nitti is alarmed. It now develops that it was his urgent representations which finally brought about the decision to resume trade relations with Russia. Nitti informed the Allies that the radicals of his country would force a revolution unless the policy toward Russia were modified.

The bars were let down for Russian trade in reply to this plea, but it is impossible to tell as yet whether the step was taken in time.

The suggestion of trade resumption was received first from O'Grady, who transmitted it from Litvinoff. During the virtual suspension of Peace Conference work technical experts are working out the plans for Russian commerce. So far as England is concerned, it probably will consist of a system of control by the Board of Trade, like the plan that has been used have been responsible." for a year in dealing with Czecho-Slo vakia. The principal difficulty is the ot approach the condition now prevail- matter of proper credits—what can the Russians offer and Britain accept?

anarchist elements to-day proclaimed a general strike, which, however, was a erations. An engine driver who resisted work was presented with \$100, collected

Bologna, Wednesday, Jan. 21 .- The city has remained twenty-four hours enisolated from the world. postal, telegraphic, telephonic and railication ceased during that Reduced services have been re-

FLORENCE, Wednesday, Jan. 21.-The tee of strikers and occupied the streets surrounding the Chamber of Labor. Proops with armored cars were also dis- daily are growing worse. tributed at strategic points throughout the city.

MILAN, Wednesday, Jan. 21. - More than 100 strikers have been arrested for sabotage and attempting to prevent other railway men from working. One freight train was abandoned in the open cou

### JUGO-SLAV DECISION GRATIFYING TO ROME

Nitti Is Advised to Be Firm in

Adriatic Case. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Copyright, 1920, all rights reserved. which has kept the country in a turmoil so long, was conceding too much, so this latest development is considered highly satisfactory. The newspapers approve the solution emphatically. The The disorganized. Slave have refused to accept the pro-posal made by the heads of the Allied Governments. We are profoundly grateful to them. Now let Nitti have faith in Italy's determination to stand Governments. We are for her rights. Let him have courage PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Within the let him simply be the Premier of a great

Idea Nazionale speaks in similar terms.

adding: "Flume is not included in the ity of Treaty of London, but that makes no Siberia. difference. Flume will defend herself. Inference. Finds of a brigand, and his men seem to be showing an unfriendly disposition be-and get to work." M. Millerand could showing an unfriendly disposition be-Italian cannot be destroyed. She will

out that the world, especially the United States, now will realize that Italy was not the stubborn and unreasonable one at the Americans. An unofficial report the Adriatic dispute. She had gone

Rome, Jan. 22 .- Premier Nitti has re-The reassembling of urned to Rome. Chamber has been postponed from January 23 to February 3.

Governor of Barcelona Forbids Carrying Arms

BARCELONA, Jan. 22. - The Civil Governor has issued strict orders against the carrying of arms. The order provides that all persons having arms in their possession shall register them and that such arms may not be sold without a special permit. The police are required to make a special search for revolvers and to seize all such weapons found unless their owners have obtained licenses for them.

MADRID, Jan. 22.-Members of the Cabinet meeting with the Chamber of Deputies to-day discussed the social unrest. At the same time an order was given providing for amnesty for the Syndicalist Villalonga, who has been condemned to death by court-martial.

## SIBERIANS KILL 2 U.S. SOLDIERS

Gen. Semenoff's Men Attack Americans Without Cause.

SLAIN RUSSIANS

Gen. Graves Says the Incident "Will Be Peacefully Adjusted."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 .- Two American soldiers were killed and one was wounded severely in a clash January 10 with a Russian detachment of Gen. ently the hostility of the Chamber is emenoff's forces near Posolsakaya, while five Russians were killed, one of the Cabinet. There seems to be, was wounded and fifty-five were capother officers, who still are held.

In reporting the clash to the War Department to-day Major-Gen. Graves, a "Malvyist," or accomplice of the forommanding the American expedition in Siberia, said the Russians, in an ar- banished after he had been convicted mored car, made an unprovoked attack of communicating with the enemy. on the Americans, who were in a similar car. The Russian attack was repulsed and the Americans then captured the car and its occupants.

Gen. Graves said he believed the incident could be peacefully adjusted with Gen. Semenoff, "who could not

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layed by Poor Rail Service.

By the Associated Press. VLADIVOSTOK, Tuesday, Jan. 13.-Facstrikers attempting to force him to stop tional fighting has broken out throughout Siberia. American forces are withdrawing from along the Suchan mine railway and are reported to have been engaged in skirmishes with Siberian

A detachment of Col. Morrow's regi ent which was preparing to move out from the Balkal district was forced to intervene in factional disturbances vesterday, according to a report from the Czech staff.

The only Americans remaining in the danger zone, where disorders are prevacolice to-day arrested the entire commit- lent, are those belonging to Col. Morrow's regiment. Their arrival here depends upon railroad conditions, which

### SEMENOFF ASSUMES CONTROL IN SIBERIA

Admiral Kolchak Believed to Be Under Arrest by Reds.

far eastern Siberia. Gen. Horvarth has ssumed similar powers in the territory served by the Chinese Eastern Railway. Gen. Semenoff has been in command that he had always served Fr of the Siberian forces east of Lake all his heart and intelligence. The Government of Admiral Haikal. Kolchak seems to have dissolved when its troops were defeated west of Kras-Roms, Jan. 22.—The news that Jugo-novarsk. Admiral Kolchak is believed Slavia has replied negatively to the last to be under arrest at Verkhnle-Udinsk, proposals for an Adriatic settlement a small town 240 miles west of Irkutsk presented by Premiers Clemenceau. Cossack chiefs and garrison command-lloyd George and Nitti, leaving as the only alternative the application of the Horvarth in eastern Siberia have been treaty of London, was received here this notified of the new regime. Reports reafternoon with a sigh of great relief.

flect a rather serious situation at Baikal, The general feeling was that Nitti, Kaltukshata and Misovaia, in Trans-esirous of settling this grave question, Balkalia, where Semenoff soldiers have Pekin advices would seem to indicate

### SIBERIAN SITUATION MADE MUCH GRAVER

few troops and that they are apparently

Semenoff's Men Angered by Departure of Americans.

Special Desputch to Tun Sun. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.-The encounter forces, whom the Americans have been in the position of befriending by keeping members of the Extreme Left amid panthe railroad open, emphasizes the gravof the situation now existing in

Semenoff is regarded as more or less be like San Marino, perpetuating the arctent Italian idea of a free city."

Most of the other newspapers reflect similar opinions, many of them pointing and equipment of the Americans are retring. There is some disposition to believe that Semenoff's followers are after the arms retorted Deputy Charles Bernard. When the vote was announced, sho and equipment of the Americans.

When the vote was announced, sho
This was not the first time that ing more abstentions than voters,

received here from Vladivostok some in the Adriatic dispute. She had gone so far as to concede almost everything, yet the Jugo-Slavs were immovable.

Premier Nitti Back in Rome.

Premier Nitti Back in Rome. quantity of arms and ammunition

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# FRANCE NOW ON BRINK OF CRISIS

Fierce Attack on Minister Threatens Millerand Government.

VOTE IS MORAL DEFEAT

Chamber Registers Confidence by 272 to 23, but 300 Remain Silent.

STEEG CALLED TRAITOR

President Poincare Is Mentioned as Successor if Premier Resigns.

Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sox. Copyright, 1920, all rights reserved. Paris, Jan. 22.-The Millerand Goverument, which has just taken office, suffered a virtual defeat in the Champer of Deputies this evening when it failed to obtain the full vote of confiience for which it had asked. The actual vote was 272 to 23 in favor of the new Government, but more than 300 Deputies refrained from voting.

The resignation of Premier Millerand and his entire Cabinet is now predicted here, but what is more certain is the resignation of Jules Steeg, the Minister of the Interior, who was the storm centre of the debate to-day. Apparnot directed against any other member however, a feeling of distrust of the tured, including one General and six Government as a whole growing out of the dislike by a majority of the Chamber for Steeg, who is accused of being mer Minister of the Interior, who was

Steeg is one of the oldtime radical oliticians of the Chamber. The debate to-day was precipitated by a savage attack upon him in the House by Leon Daudet, editor of l'Action Francaise. The vote to-day is interpreted as a revolt against the return of the electioneering, plum dividing system in vogue in the prefectures when Steeg formerly was Minister of the Interior.

Russians offer and Britain accept?

MAI BE IN DANGER if the latter resigne, atthough the necessitate a special arrangement by necessitate arrangement by necessitate a special arrangement by necessitate arrangement by necessit the date of his actual inauguration.

## DAUDET IN SAVAGE

Calls Minister Accomplice of Exiled Malvy.

of Deputies to-day was interpreted generally in the lobbles to their turns at the boats. Chamber mean that the Millerand Cabinet cannot Premier will have to replace M. Steeg at the Ministry of the Interior or the Cabinet will be overthrown on the first question involving the interior policy in attempts. question of confidence.

Many of the Deputies who abstained from voting told the correspondent of the Associated Press they had given the Premier fair warning that the next time they would vote against him should M. The charges of M. Daudet against M.

asserted that M. Steeg was in complicity with M. Malvy and continued the latter's policy while he (Steeg) was Minister of the Interior in the Painleve Cabinet. LONDON, Jan. 22 .- A Pekin despatch M. of January 17 says Gen. Semenoff has charges and said he was willing to pro-M. Steeg was absent at the Senate while M. Daudet was speaking., Sum-

moned in haste by telephone, he replied

that he had always served France with

Chamber Was Unruly. The opening speech of Premier Millerand was received with respectful indifference by the Deputies, but with M. Daudet's bitter attack on M. Steeg the Chamber became extremely noisy and unruly. The Cabinet's initial bow to the House was made amid which caused many to predict that its life would be short. There even were moments when the question of the Cabinet's fall on the very day of its inauguration was discussed seriously.

Before the vote of confidence orders

of the day succeeded one another with such rapidity that at one time seven of them lay on the deak of Speaker Raoul Peret. Premier Millerand, adding the question of confidence in the Cabinet, nally accepted the order of the day submitted by Deputy Dumesnil, reading: "The Chamber, approving the Govern-ment's declarations relative to the choice of Minister of the Interior and rejecting any addition, reverts to the order of the

The Chamber was in an uproar and Speaker Peret threatened to suspend the Prince Murat and M. Daudet unexpectedly attacked by Senenoff's exchanged caustic personal remarks forces, whom the Americans have been across the floor of the Chamber with

### A Sad Beginning.

"We are making a sad beginning, When the vote was announced, show-Semenoff's troops have shown their teeth was considered a moral defeat for the

In his declaration of Ministerial pol-The Americans were conveying a the league's organization. To rely upon vices has voted to resume work. Continued at Forth Page,

## NEW CABINET OF ALBANY INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY SEE PROOF OF 'INVISIBLE ALIEN EMPIRE'

## 271 TAKEN OFF THE POWHATAN

Passengers Transferred From Chambers-Borden Wedding Transport When Seas Abate.

WARSHIPS STAND

From Lack of Heat on Crippled Ship.

> All of the 271 passengers of the army ransport Powhatan, which has been helpless and adrift about 700 miles east of Sandy Hook for six days and nights, | cight. Several hundred persons atwere transferred to the transport tending a wedding reception in the Northern Pacific last night, according grand ballroom were put to rout and to wireless messages received shortly the ceiling of that room and parts of before midnight by the Port and Zone Transportation Service in New York. By 10 o'clock the work had been completed, the last passenger had clambered aboard the Northern Pacific and the latter vessel had steamed straight for New York. She is expected to dock fire did not at any time become serious, Saturday morning.

> Latest wireless messages said that all hands were safe and as well as could be expected after their experi- smoke helmets finally were summoned

The transfer was made without mishap in a fairly calm sea and under the had been standing by since the first radios telling of the transport's distress were received. The task, however, was difficult, although the storms had abated and the sea was calmer than it had been for many days. Capt. Randall of the Powhatan decided that it must be underlightless and heatless days and nights

aboard ship, were suffering severely. With the arrival of more favorable weather about dusk Captain Randall signalled to the steamer Lady Laurier, ERICAN REGIMENT

There is some likelihood that President by the latter resigns, although tins would transfer of the passengers to the North-thousands. which had the Powhatan in tow, that from their davits, and the destroyers and other vessels standing by were signalled to come in closer and play their ATTACK ON STEEG searchlights on the Powhatan's gangways and decks. It was after 7 o'clock when the first boatload of passengers shoved away from the side of the disabled transport, and after that the transfer proceeded smoothly and stead-Paris. Jan. 22.-The vote in the ily under the glare of the big lights, with the passengers standing firm and taking

An effort to transfer the passengers the Judge. hast as now constituted and that the had been started earlier in the day, but was abandoned after two boat crews from the Northern Pacific failed to feur," said the unknown man. reach the Powhatan in spite of repeated ought to know attempts. The first story of this at- your landlord." Pacific's crew, splendidly drilled through months of service in the aubmarine danger zones, had perished, but later ra-dios denied this. The first boat swung out on the davits of the Northern Pacific was crushed against the side as she swerved in the confused seas, and the Steeg were specific and emphatic. He next was overturned by a heavy comber only a few yards from the ship. All hands were picked up by the destroyer

### Daudet refused to withdraw his FOOD PRICES ARE UP 89 PER CENT. OVER 1913 22 Articles Reached Record

Levels in December.

Leary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.-Twenty-two articles of food reached record prices in December, according to a report issued today by the bureau of labor statistics. pal Warsaw papers, the Kurier, is en-The prices were 2.6 per cent. higher than gaged in a struggle with its printing in November, 5 per cent. higher than in the preceding December, and 89 per cent. higher than in December, 1913.

At the leader than in December, 1913. Of the forty-four articles of food for which prices were obtained during the month of November 15 to December 15,

Increases by percentages were as fol-Cabbage, 38; onions, 17; granulated sugar, 16; strictly fresh eggs, 11; pota-toes, 10; raisins, 5; flour, 4; butter and eggs, 3 each; fresh milk and canned salmon, 2; lamb, evaporated milk, oleomagarine, cheese, macaroni, rice, canned peas and bananas, 1 each.

decreased and ten remained stationary.

ANOTHER AMNESIA CASE. Victim Believed to Be Veteran of

Chateau Thierry.

Newark police reported a new case of

amnesia yesterday. A man who could not tell his name but is believed to be Thomas Starblow, 28 employed in the Frederick Beck bakery at 51 Fifth avenue. Brooklyn, was found shortly after midnight apparently lost at the corner of Broad and Market streets, Newark, He could only remember that he had left his home to go to a restaurant and had taken a subway and a boat ride. An envelope found in his pocked led the police to Mr. Beck, who believes the man is Starblow. Starblow had been missing.

According to Mr. Beck, Starblow was

since from nervous trouble. Italy's Railway Strike Ends. ROME. Jan. 22.—Energetic steps by he Italian Government and the adverse attitude of the public seem to have ing studies on the ground for a tunnel caused a failure of the railway strike.

## FIRE DRIVES OUT RITZ DANCERS

Guests Flee Blaze in Grand Ball Room.

BY GREAT CEILING RUINED

Voyagers Suffered / Severely Crystal Room Also Damaged and Smoke Sends Diners From the Grill.

> Clouds of smoke resulting from a small blaze caused considerable excitement at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel last the decorations in the nearby crystal room were destroyed.

The blaze occurred in the pipe gallery, situated above the main ballroom, and is said to have been the result of defective insulation. While the occasioned so much smoke that two engine companies were unable to combat it, and the rescue squads with their

to put it out. The reception that the smoke waves broke in upon was given in honor of city by Assemblyman August Claesblaze of powerful searchlights played upon the decks and gangways of the Donton of the Atlantic Coast Line Powhatan by the destroyer Sharkey, the Canadian steamships Lady Laurier and bers of Harper's Baraar, who had been married in the crystal room earlier in smouldering fire above their heads became noticeable and they quickly dispersed, many of them going away from

the neighborhood.

The smoke also penetrated the grill room of the hotel, but there was no diswere in their rooms upstairs had not been disturbed.

The damage, he said, was nearly all them.

drenched, and some of the elaborate fixtures badly discolored. Mr. Rost could damage, but said it would be in the

caused by the smoke and water, the cell-ing of the main ballroom having been

Lucky He Wasn't Defendant, Who Is Fined \$2. Charles Galewski, an attorney, also the Traffic Court yesterday. Fletcher Blackwell, 33, a chauffeur, was charged

with a traffic violation. "Who is that man with you?" asked "Why, I am Charles Galewski, repre senting the defendant, who is my chaufought to know me, your Honor; I was

Magistrate House's eye did not brighten perceptibly. "I do not recall! ever having seen you before," he plied, "but I have a new landlord almy rent has been boosted too frequently. and it's too bad you aren't the defendant dollars.

### PRINTERS QUIT OVER MR. FUNNY'S JOKE

Turns Eagle Into a Donkey, Then Gets Mule Headed.

London Times Bervice. Copyright, 1920, all rights reserved. WARSAW, Jan. 22.-One of the princistaff. The cause of the trouble was

At the new year the paper nublished a leader full of patriotic sentiments, in which, referring to the partition of Poland, it spoke of the sad memory of the month of November 15 to December 15, time when the crown was torn from the established it should retwenty-two increased in price, twelve time when the crown was torn from the tody of the witnesses. head of the white eagle, the white eagle being the Polish national emblem. Polish word for eagle, by altering a single letter, is turnable into a word evidence of dissent on the part of two

The compositor, whose name in Polish happens to mean "Funny," made this slight afferation and, refusing to correct it, was dismissed promptly, The printers' union took up the mat-ter and finally called a strike. The paper sublishes to-day a small half sheet call. ing upon the Government and public to voted against the original resolution to ort it against these evidences of

### STARVED FOLK DIE IN STREETS Hungarian Troops and Workmer

Reported in Collision. Reported in Collision.

documentary evidence came at the London, Jan. 22.—Diplomatic advices ginning of the afternoon session. from Budapest state that the Huntarian food stocks are at the lowest point yet recorded and that persons who have witnesses were present with books, docusuccumbed to starvation are being An picked up in the streets.

There was a collision of troops and tion and left with the committee.

workmen on January 16, but the adinstant. vices state that it was not serious. Bela Kun, the former Communist dic-According to Mr. Beck, Starblow was Bela Kun, the former Communist dic-wounded at Chateau Thierry with the tator of Hungary, is reported to be seri-wounded at Chateau Thierry with the tator of Hungary, is reported to be seri-have them produce documents and mark Fifty-ninth Engineers and had suffered ously ill at Karistein, where he is in-To Tunnel Under Mont Blanc.

CHAMONIX, Switzerland, Jan. 22,-

French and Italian engineers are mak- that was the plan. under Mont Blanc, directly The National Congress of Employees in France and Italy. France has approthe postal, telephone and telegraph ser-priated 45,000,000 francs and Italy 40,-990,000 for the work.

Five Accused Socialist Assemblymen Fight Documentary Evidence.

CLAESSENS IS QUOTED

Legislators Who Aid Army Projects Are Ejected, Book Shows.

HILLOUIT GETS SETBACK

Ground Work of State Case Laid on First Day of Testimony at Albany Inquiry.

Special Desparch to THE SUN.

ALBANY, Jan. 22.-Honors were diided at the conclusion of the first day's testimony in the investigation of the five suspended Socialist Assemblymen. While the testimony adduced so far by the Judiciary Committee against the Socialists is of a preliminary nature it nevertheless was important in forcing the groundwork of the State's case.

This testimony consisted princtpally in the introduction of a radical pamphlet entitled "The Dictatorship of the Proletariat," purporting to set forth the principles and doctrines of the party, and the stenographic record of a speech made in New York sens, one of the five accused, two days after the elections last November.

Morris Hillouit, chief counsel for the Socialists, bitterly opposed the admidst of a dance when the effect of the and at one point in the investigation threw up his hands, declaring that its admission in the circumstances in It made the investigation a "travesty Powhatan decided that it must be under- order, and Henry A. Rost, the night on justice," and that he and his astaken because his passengers, after six manager, stated that those patrons who sociates could not dignify such proceedings by taking further part in

Five minutes later, however, when Chairman Martin had ordered the in vestigation to proceed, Mr. Hillquit was cross-examining the witness and did succeed in eliciting from him and getting into the record the fact that he pamphlet contained the argu IN BAD WITH JUDGE of opponents as well as defenders of

the proletariat dictatorship.

Denial by Accused Men. Again, when Mr. Stanchfield had inroduced through Julius Gerber, executive secretary of the New York local is a landlord, which did not make a hit of the party, the provision of the party with Magistrate Frederick B. House in constitution that compels members constitution that compels members seeking election to public office to sign an agreement that they will file their resignations with their executive councils as a guarantee that they will conform to party principles, Mr. Hillquit drew an emphatic denial from Gerber that any of the accused Assemblymen

had signed such resignations. The answer was stricken from the record over the protests of Mr. Hillmost every meal and it's difficult to quit, but the point will be again raised. I do recall that It is one the committee's attorneys regard as important in that it estabin this case. I fine your client two lishes, if proved, the allegiance of the Socialists to the "invisible allen empire" referred to yesterday by Martin W. Littleton.

Another point against the Socialists was made by Mr. Stanchfield when he got into the record a section of the na-tional Socialist constitution, which provides for the expulsion from the party of approves an appropriation for any mili-Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the tary or paval purpose or for the conduc of a war. But Mr. Hillquit carried his point after a somewhat protracted wrangle over the admission of documentary evidence, in which he was first overruled by Chairman Martin.

> in the committee's custody until such time as it might be offered in evidence. He insisted that until its admission was established it should remain in the cus-Another feature of the day's develop The ments that brought a certain measure of

Mr. Hillquit opposed the committee's suggestion that the books and documents

of the party subprenaed should be held

of the committeemen to Chairman Mar-On three occasions Assemblymen Evans of the Bronx and Bloch of New York had themselves recorded as dissenting from the chair. Assemblyman Evans was one of the two members who suspend the Socialists. The other was J. Fairfax McLaughlin of the Bronx.

Committee. Hillquit Is Aroused Again.

who is not a member of the Judiciary

The clash over the introduction of mer Justice Sutherland of counsel to the committee suggested that a number of ments and papers which he thought might be produced, marked for identifica-

Mr. Hillquit was on his feet in an

"Your intention," he asked, addressing them for identification and leave the documents in the custody of the com mittee until they are introduced in avi-Counsel for the committee admitted

"Then I strenuously object," retorted joining Mr. Hillquit.

"If a document is called for its ad-missibility or non-admissibility is a mat-ter for the committee to determine, and